

TONTO National Forest



Recreation
Opportunity
Guide

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WATER-ACTIVITIES

PHON D SUTTON

RANGER DISTRICT

Mesa Ranger Station
5140 E. Ingram Street
Mesa, AZ 85205
Phone: (480) 610-3300 Fax: (480) 610-3346

NAME OF WATERWAY

Lower Salt River

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Tubing, boating, fishing, hiking, picnicking and wildlife observation

SEASON OF USE

Late spring - fall
From April 1 - October 31: Day-use only
Winter Camping: October 15 – March 15

ELEVATION

1320 feet

FACILITIES

15 picnic units with tables and grills
Vault toilets
No drinking water available

BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY

Vault toilets are suitable for wheelchair users with proficient mobility

LOCATION AND ACCESS

This site is located 17 miles northeast of Mesa. From Mesa, travel 7 miles east on U.S. Highway 60 to Power Road/Bush Highway and turn north. Follow Bush Highway for 9 miles to Forest Road (FR) 169; turn left. Follow FR 169 for one mile to the site. The entire route is paved.

FEES

\$4.00 per vehicle (day-use)
\$6.00 camping fee during season only

ATTRACTIONS

- Phon D Sutton is a popular river-access point (RAP) for tubers floating the Lower Salt River
- It is a lush riparian area, ideal for bird watching
- The Lower Salt River Nature Trail winds through this unique riparian area

CONSIDERATIONS

- This area can become quite crowded on hot summer weekends
- Bring sun block and tennis shoes if planning to float the river
- To avoid injury, wear shoes when wading in the river
- Pets must be on leash
- No glass containers are allowed in the Lower Salt River area
- Please use trash receptacles
- CAUTION:** Fallen trees and other materials in the river can trap swimmers and floaters
- BEWARE!!** Alcohol, sun and water are deadly combinations

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Salt River Tubing: Tube rentals, bus service and snacks

Saguaro Lake Marina: Full-service marina, fishing supplies, ice, water, restaurant and phones

Saguaro lake Ranch Resort: Lodging, food and stable

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Arizona River and Streams Guide*, Arizona State Parks
- For river-flow information, contact Salt River Project's recorded message line (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com

